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Dear Jim:

In my April 16, 1991 letter I indicated that the above disclosure could be added as a CIP to the CIP II of PM-1322 (Delta) and that Marta Gross would also consider the possibility of also adding it to PM-1353 (Sigma). Upon further review of the above disclosure with Dr. Seetharama Deevi, we have now concluded that it would probably be more beneficial to include the above disclosure solely as a CIP to PM-1389 (Sigma).

Because the method steps disclosed in PM-1579 would be analogous whether they are applied to a Sigma or Delta heat source, we suggest that a single CIP could be used to cover both types of heat sources. A CIP from the Sigma case PM-1389 could simply refer to PM-1322 CIP II to also obtain claims directed towards the use of the step in the manufacture of Delta sources. This approach would thus eliminate the need to file a PM-1322 CIP III which you gave us approval to do in your May 7, 1991 letter. Filing PM-1579 as a CIP to PM-1389 (Sigma), rather than as a CIP to PM-1353 (Sigma), appears to be more practical because PM-1389 includes an additional high-temperature nitridation step. In any event, PM-1353 could be incorporated by reference in the CIP to PM-1389.

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